

# PHQ-9 modified for Adolescents (PHQ-A)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinician: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** How often have you been bothered by each of the following symptoms during the past **two weeks**? For each symptom put an "X" in the box beneath the answer that best describes how you have been feeling.

	(0) Not at all	(1) Several days	(2) More than half the days	(3) Nearly every day
1. Feeling down, depressed, irritable, or hopeless?				
2. Little interest or pleasure in doing things?				
3. Trouble falling asleep, staying asleep, or sleeping too much?				
4. Poor appetite, weight loss, or overeating?				
5. Feeling tired, or having little energy?				
6. Feeling bad about yourself – or feeling that you are a failure, or that you have let yourself or your family down?				
7. Trouble concentrating on things like school work, reading, or watching TV?				
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed?  Or the opposite – being so fidgety or restless that you were moving around a lot more than usual?				
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way?				

In the **past year** have you felt depressed or sad most days, even if you felt okay sometimes?

Yes                       No

If you are experiencing any of the problems on this form, how **difficult** have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all       Somewhat difficult       Very difficult       Extremely difficult

**Office use only:**

**Severity score:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ask the patient:**

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| (1) In the past few weeks, have you wished you were dead?  | YES | NO          |
| (2) In the past few weeks, have you felt that you or your family would be better off if you were dead? | YES | NO          |
| (3) In the past week, have you been having thoughts about killing yourself?                            | YES | NO          |
| (4) Have you ever tried to kill yourself?  | YES | NO          |
| If yes, how? _____   |     | When? _____ |

**If the patient answers yes to any of the above, ask the following question:**

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| (5) Are you having thoughts of killing yourself right now? | YES | NO |
| If yes, please describe: _____                             |     |    |

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